

and that has a valid certificate of fitness under the International Maritime Organization Code for the Construction and Equipment of Ships Carrying Dangerous Chemicals in Bulk.

(c) *Commission* means the Federal Maritime Commission.

(d) *Non-vessel-operating common carrier or NVOCC* means a common carrier that does not operate the vessels by which the ocean transportation is provided and is a shipper in its relationship with an ocean common carrier.

(e) *Ocean common carrier* means a vessel-operating common carrier.

(f) *Person* includes individuals, corporations, partnerships and associations existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States or of a foreign country.

§ 583.2 Scope.

This part implements the Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Amendments of 1990, Public Law No. 101-595, section 710, and the Non-Vessel-Operating Common Carrier Act of 1991, Public Law No. 102-251, section 201 and applies to all NVOCCs operating in the waterborne foreign commerce of the United States.

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§ 583.3 Proof of financial responsibility, when required.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, no person may provide transportation as a non-vessel-operating common carrier or obtain transportation for the account of such NVOCC unless a surety bond, insurance form, or guaranty form which demonstrates that such NVOCC is covered for any transportation-related liability under the Shipping Act of 1984 has been furnished to and accepted by the Commission. Where a group or association of NVOCCs accepts liability for all or part of an NVOCC's financial responsibilities for such NVOCC's transportation-related activities under the Shipping Act of 1984, the group or association of NVOCCs must file either a group supplemental coverage bond form, insurance form or guaranty form, clearly identifying each NVOCC covered, before a covered NVOCC may provide transportation as a non-vessel-operating common carrier or obtain

transportation for the account of such NVOCC. An individual NVOCC's bond, insurance or guaranty coverage shall be for \$50,000 except in the case where an individual NVOCC's responsibility is covered, in whole or in part, by a group or association's bond, insurance or guaranty. In such cases the group or association's coverage must be for \$50,000 per covered member NVOCC, or \$1,000,000 in aggregate.

(b) Where more than one entity operates under a common trade name, separate proof of financial responsibility is required covering each corporation or person separately providing transportation as a non-vessel-operating common carrier.

(c) Any person which exclusively transports used household goods and personal effects for the account of the Department of Defense, or for the account of the federal civilian executive agencies shipping under the International Household Goods Program administered by the General Services Administration, or both, is not subject to the requirements of this part, but may be subject to other requirements, such as alternative surety bonding, imposed by the Department of Defense or the General Services Administration.

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§ 583.4 Financial responsibility requirements.

Prior to the date it commences common carriage operation, every non-vessel-operating common carrier shall establish its financial responsibility for the purpose of this part by one of the following methods:

(a) Surety bond, by filing with the Commission, simultaneously with its tariff, a valid bond on Form FMC-48, in the amount of \$50,000. Bonds must be issued by a surety company found acceptable by the Secretary of the Treasury.

(b) Insurance, by filing with the Commission, simultaneously with its tariff, evidence of insurance on Form FMC-67. The insurance must provide coverage for damages, reparations or penalties arising from any transportation-related activities under the Shipping Act of 1984 of the insured NVOCC and must be placed with: